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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))

publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)

international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:
 pages 1-10 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
 nos. 1-14 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
 sheets 1/6-6/6 as originally filed/furnished
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the description, pages _____

the claims, nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____

the claims, nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/figs _____

the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1–14	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1–14	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1–14	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 0147796 A1

1. Closest prior art

D1, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, describes a rapid assembly/mounting system for lift guides such that each guide has a web/head, a precision-finished upper reference surface, precision-finished lateral reference surfaces and a flange on each side, and such that fishplates for aligning and fastening the guide ends are screwed onto each guide end (2).

2. Problem

The problem is that of simplifying the rapid assembly/mounting system for lift guides of D1. Said system requires a plurality of screws to be centred and tightened for each guide.

3. Solution

The solution is proposed in the characterising part of claim 1. The rapid assembly/mounting system for lift guides has fishplates, each of which extends between

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the flanges either side of at least two guides. The structure of said fishplate is such that two plate portions, capable of moving on tightening means (screws) mounted on said plate portions, are placed opposite the flanges on either side. As said tightening means move said plate portions closer together, the latter are laterally clamped against the flanges. Each plate portion has alignment elements, which are centred and engage the machined areas of the guides.

4. Inventive step

The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons: clamping the guides between two assembly plates provided with alignment elements is neither described in, nor suggested by, the prior art.

Furthermore, in the absence of such a suggestion, a person skilled in the art seeking to solve the above-mentioned problem would never arrive at the moving device proposed in claim 1.

Claims 2 to 14 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also comply, as such, with the PCT requirements of novelty and inventive step.